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PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

Al ushers his newly deceased father to the gateway between Heaven and Hell. While taking this journey together, Al and his father hash out events of the past that have put a wedge in their relationship.

THE R.M.S. TITANIC

APRIL 15TH, 1912
FORTY-TWO MINUTES
PAST MIDNIGHT





THEY'RE NOT GOING TO HELP, TOMMY. WE HAVE TO DO THIS ON OUR OWN!

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER BOATS!?



THEY'RE ALL GONE. I COUNTED.

DAD! IN THE SKY-- IS IT A FLARE?

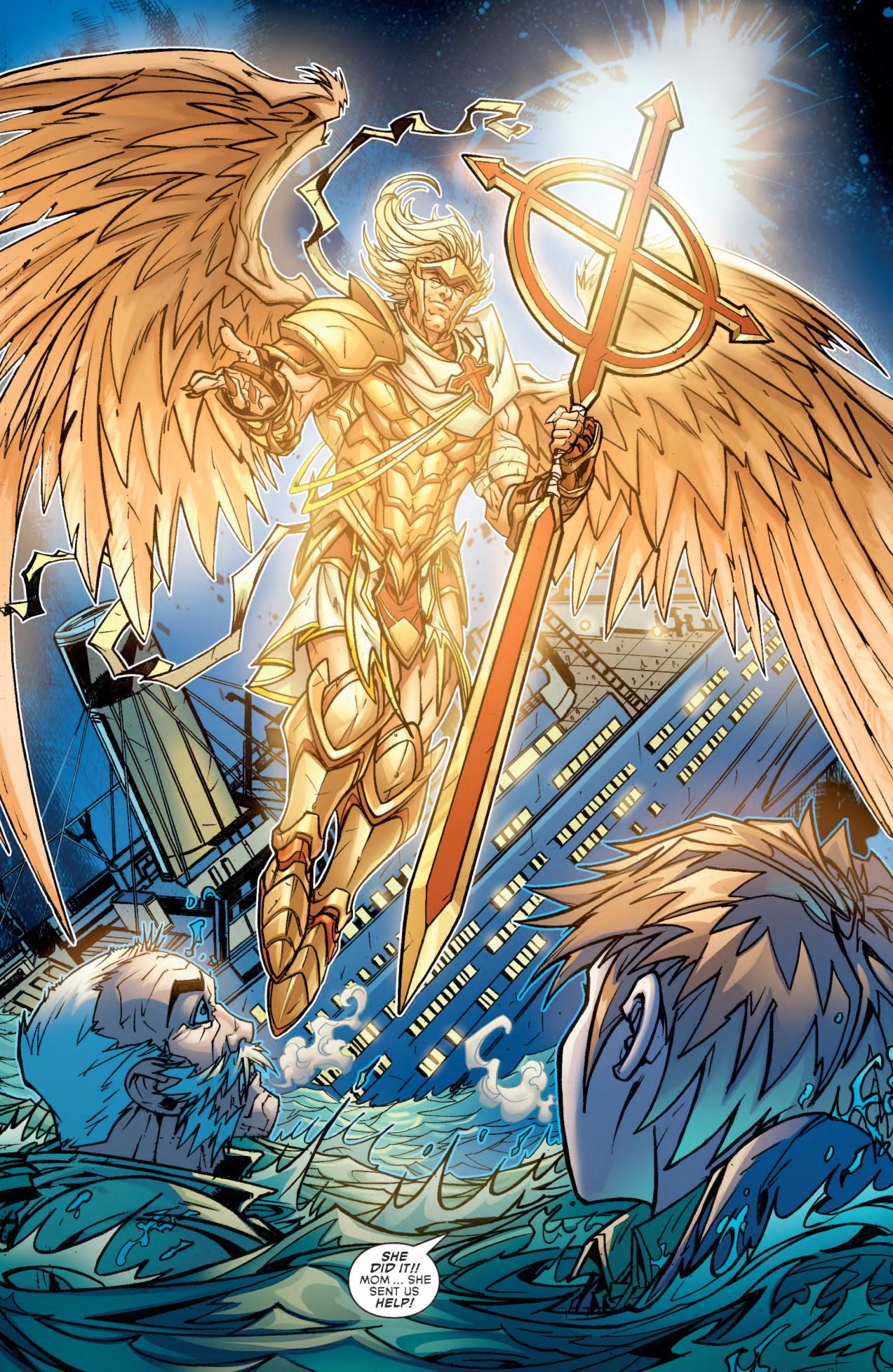
LISTEN TO ME, SON--YA NEED TO BE BRAVE. THINK OF MOM UP IN HEAVEN. SHE'LL ASK GOD TO LOOK OVER US, I PROMISE.

THE WATER'S GETTING CLOSER. WHAT DO WE DO?



THE ONLY THING LEFT. WE...





SHE
DID IT!!
MOM ... SHE
SENT US
HELP!



LOOK AT THEM... ALL OF THEM. MOVING AROUND LIKE NOTHING MATTERS. THEY ONLY CARE ABOUT THEIR OWN LIVES.



THAT'S WHY WE GET PREYED UPON, BECAUSE WE'RE EASY TARGETS TO ISOLATE-- THEN CONVERT.

HEAVEN AND HELL BOTH UNDERSTAND THAT. THAT'S WHY THEY'LL NEVER LEAVE US ALONE-- EITHER OF THEM. THEY KNOW WE'RE A BUNCH OF SUCKERS.



THAT WE HUMANS ARE GULLIBLE, BUT TWO CAN PLAY THAT GAME.

AND SOON I'LL SHOW THEM WHY I CAME BACK.*



I JUST NEED TO BE A LITTLE MORE PATIENT.

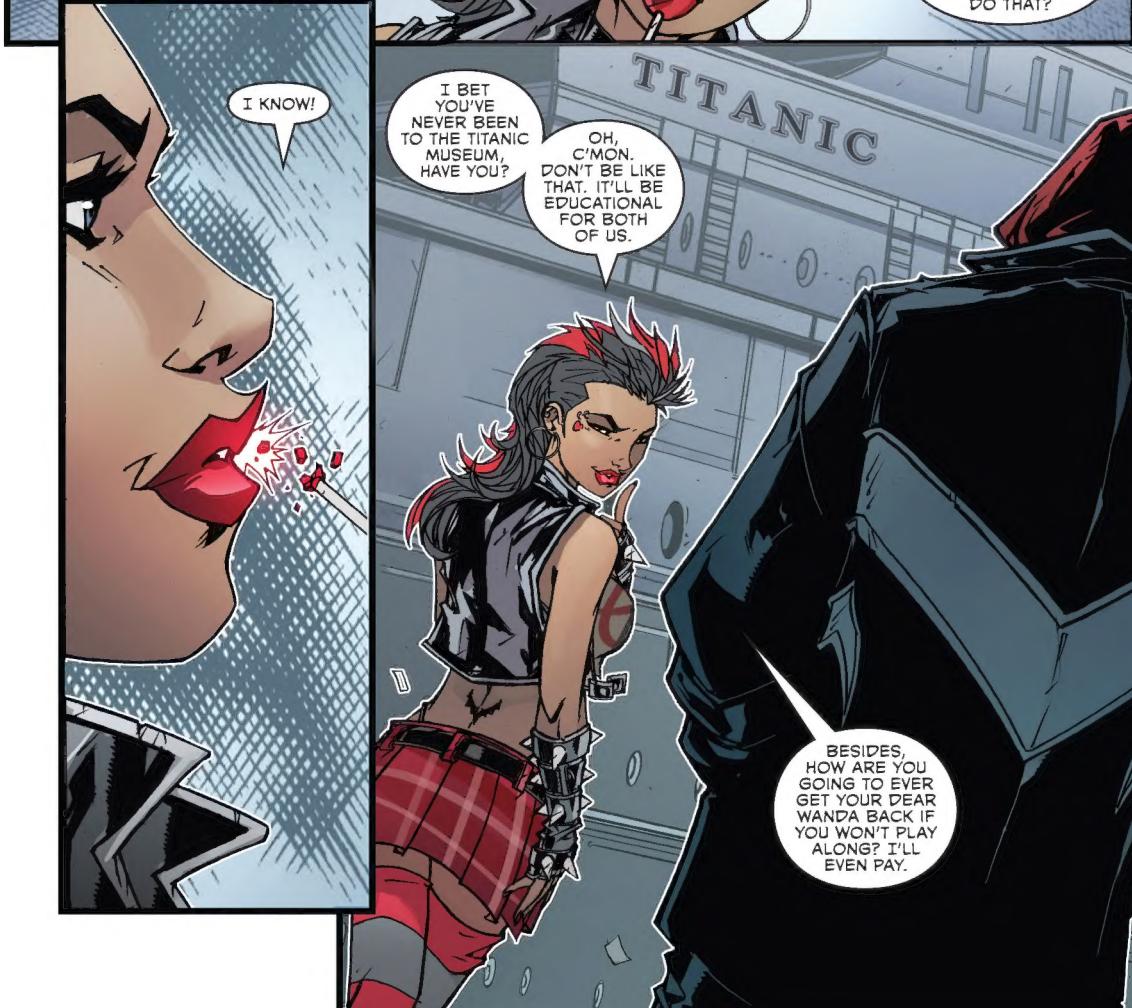


HEY...?













"AND AN ALTERNATE POSSIBILITY."

DAD!
DO YOU SEE
ALL THEM WHITE-
CAPS? HOW BIG
DO YOU THINK
THEY CAN
GET?

HEY,
MISTER!... YOU
EVER SEEN
BIGGER SWELLS
THAN THAT?

TOMMY!
MIND YOUR
MANERS!

I'M SORRY,
SIR, HE GETS
EXCITED AT TIMES.
AND WE APOLOGIZE
FOR BEING ON THIS
DECK WHEN WE'RE
NOT SUPPOSED TO.
WON'T HAPPEN
AGAIN.

NO.
IT'S FINE.
EVERYTHING'S
FINE. WE WERE
ALL YOUNG
ONCE.

SOME-
THINGS
WRONG.



CLANG
CLANG
CLANG

YOU HEAR THAT, HELLSPAWN? DISASTER'S COMING TO ALL THESE PEOPLE. THE QUESTION IS: FOR A FEW OF THEM... ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP CHANGE THEIR FATE?

GABRIEL! I KNEW HELL NEEDED A TRAITOR FOR THIS LITTLE TEST.

OF COURSE THEY PICKED YOU.

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN QUICK TO JUDGE, SIMMONS. NOW IT'S TIME TO SEE HOW GOOD THAT SKILL IS.

DO WHAT YOU WANT. I'M NOT PLAYING.

TOO LATE FOR THAT. YOU ALREADY ARE.

YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE YOU THINK YOU CAN SAVE YOUR WIFE WANDA. IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE. TO UNDO THE PAST-- TO CHANGE FATE-- COMES WITH A PRICE. THE QUESTION TONIGHT, IS WHAT PRICE YOU'RE WILLING TO PAY.

TO WHAT DEPTH YOU'LL GO TO SAVE A SOUL?



YOU THINK
YOU'RE A HERO?
THEN PROVE IT
TONIGHT.

CRREEEEEEEKK



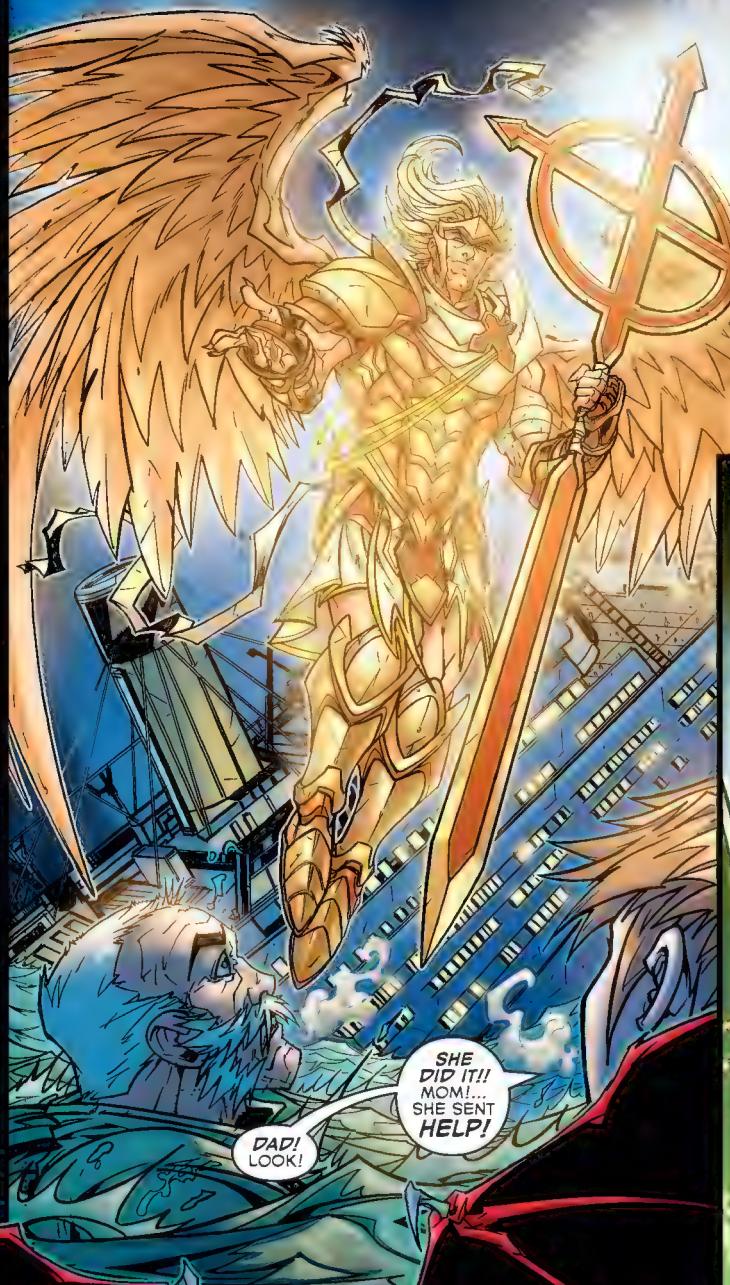
IT'S BEGUN.
TIME WILL
START TO JUMP--
TO SKIP IN FRONT
OF YOUR EYES.
AND NOW YOU
HAVE TO DO
YOUR PART.

AND
I'LL DO
MINE.



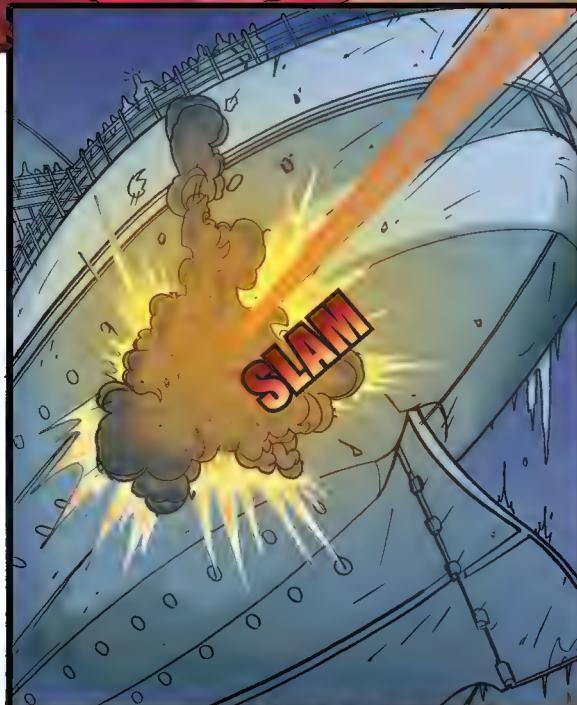


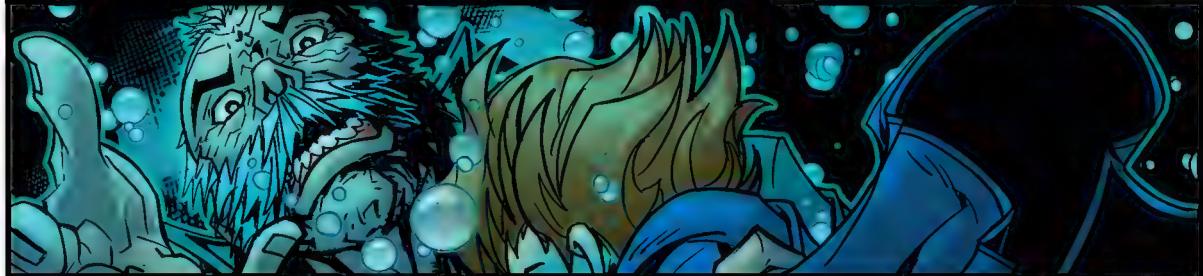




THROUGH
YOUR GRACE,
YOU SHALL BE SAVED.
FOR I AM YOUR
SAVIOR!







BECAUSE I WON'T
FALL FOR THIS
DEMENTED TRICK OF
YOURS. AND YOU
WERE WRONG--
I DO KNOW HOW
TIME WORKS.

I ALTER
SOMEONE'S
LIFE-- ANY
ONE'S LIFE
FROM THE
PAST-- THEN
EVERYTHING,
FROM THAT
DAY FORWARD,
GETS ALTERED
TOO, LIKE A
GIANT RIPPLE
EFFECT.

THAT'S EXACTLY
WHAT SATAN WANTS...
FOR ME TO CHANGE
THE COURSE OF
HISTORY, BECAUSE
IF I DO, THERE'S A
CHANCE I WOULDN'T
HAVE MET WANDA.

I WON'T GIVE
YOU THAT
SATISFACTION!

"YOU SURPRISE
ME, SIMMONS. I
THOUGHT YOU'D
TAKE THE BAIT."

AND IF I NEVER
KNEW HER...
WHY TRY AND
SAVE HER?

THAT'S YOUR CRUEL
TEST, ISN'T IT.
SATAN? YOU WANT
ME TO SEAL
WANDA'S FATE, NOT
YOU! WELL...

"MY LORD SAID,
YOU WOULDN'T;
HE SAID YOU MAY
HAVE GAINED MORE
KNOWLEDGE
DURING YOUR
RECENT ABSENCE."

"IF THAT'S TRUE..."

"YOU NOW UNDER-
STAND..."

SNAP

NOW I'M
GOING TO MAKE
YOU AN OFFER YOU
CAN'T REFUSE.

...THINGS
CAN BE ALTERED
IF ONE WANTS. AND
THOSE THAT WERE ONCE
ALIVE CAN DIE. AND
THOSE THAT WERE ONCE
DEAD COULD STILL
BE ALIVE!

LIKE YOUR
BELIEVED
WANDA, AND
NOW...

Next:
ANOTHER
deal
with the
Devil?



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SPAWNING GROUND

Hello all,

July has been an exciting month for Todd and his company, McFarlane Toys!

For those of you who couldn't make San Diego Comic Con, I wanted to update everyone on all things McFarlane. We have so much cool stuff coming down the pipes that it is worth mentioning again!

First of all, we made a BIG announcement that McFarlane Toys will be creating HBO's **GAME OF THRONES** Construction Sets, which will be on store shelves this winter! We also have several new AMC's **The Walking Dead** Construction Sets coming out in August for those of you who are having 'Walker Withdrawal'. In addition to **Spawn**, those are a few other projects Todd has been working on...

As always, we have some exciting giveaways coming up. Todd has signed 1000 Dale's RV Construction Set canopies that will be randomly placed in boxes and distributed to retail stores across the country. Two signed canopies are signed and numbered with an original sketch by Todd.

We also are going to be running a "Win McFarlane Toys For a Year" contest on the McFarlane Toys Facebook Page! Can you imagine getting FREE (and signed!) toys for a year? More news on that will be announced on Todd's social channels in the coming months.

For this week's Spawning Ground, we went back to Facebook asking the question, "If you were face to face with **Spawn**, what is the FIRST thing you would say?"

Enjoy!
Shannon Bailey
Publishing Coordinator



AMC's **The Walking Dead** Dale's RV Construction Sets canopies signed by Todd McFarlane.

Q: If you were face to face with **Spawn**, what is the FIRST thing you would say?

Darkness cannot consume the light.
Lance B.

Whoa dude! Nice cape. Umm...where can I get one?
Kane W.

Why couldn't a new religion be named and created called **Spawnism**?
Ajai R.

You know Violator is actually Malebolgia's favorite...he didn't want to make you mad.
Alex G.

Spawn! Let's get revenge on my enemies! Beast Mode!
Michael T.

Keep up the good fight.
Em R.

Cool outfit.
Oscar S.

I hate being two dimensional, don't you?
Ryon C.

I think this might be your turf.
I'll get my coat.
Barry P.

Can I be your apprentice?
Luis R.

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Truth be told, I would be fangirling so hard I wouldn't even know what to say!
Bryce K.

How about a cold one?
Constance C.

Paper, Rock, Scissors...GO!
Hoffa H.

Are you our last hope?
Andrew C.

If you could go back in time, would you still make the same deal or just die?
Jarek B.

Four words. Was it worth it?
James S.

Please Spawn, can you show me Hell?
Israel H.

You look smaller in person.
Charles J.

Good to have you back, Al.
Will R.

Teach me your dark ways Master. I will be your eyes and ears.
Don B.

If you ever met your creator, what would you say to Todd?
Chris L.

Sorry about your family. Need a hand kicking butt? I have a special set of skills you can use.
John D.

Been doing this since 92' huh?
Chris S.



NEXT ISSUE

Al begins to prepare for an epic fight.